

NEWS AND NOTES

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

The following Opinion has been published recently by the I.C.Z.N. (see Bull. Zool. Nom. 38(1), 26 February 1981).

1168 (p. 69) *Cacatua ducorpsii* Pucheran, 1853 (Aves): conserved.

The Commission regrets that it cannot supply separates of Opinions.

SMITHSONIAN FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM

The Smithsonian Foreign Currency Program, a national research grants program, offers opportunities for support of research in Burma, Guinea, India, and Pakistan in systematic and environmental biology, museum programs, and other disciplines. Grants in the local currencies of the above listed countries are awarded to American institutions for the research of senior scientists. Collaborative programs involving host country institutions are welcome. Awards are determined on the basis of competitive scholarly review. The deadline for submission is November 1 annually. For further information write the Foreign Currency Program, Office of Fellowships and Grants, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560, or call (202) 287-3321.

MEANDARRA ORNITHOLOGICAL FIELD STUDY UNIT

In December 1980 the Meandarra Ornithological Field Study Unit (MOFSU) was formally established as a research group of the University of Queensland, Australia. MOFSU is active in field research mainly near Meandarra, 300 km west of Brisbane, with major interest in aspects of the behavior and ecology of communally breeding species.

MOFSU welcomes visitors and volunteer field assistants in its programs. From time to time students are accepted to work on field projects towards an M.Sc. or Ph.D. However, MOFSU is not in a position to support such students financially and they must obtain funding elsewhere. For further information write to Dr. Douglas D. Dow, Director, MOFSU, Department of Zoology, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, 4067.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MEETINGS

Southeastern Coastal and Estuarine Birds. A conference workshop will be held from 11-13 September 1981 at the Georgetown field laboratory of the Belle W. Baruch Institute for Marine Biology and Coastal Research, University of South Carolina. Following an ecosystem approach, the meeting will assemble researchers from Delaware and Maryland to Florida in order to plan current research. Anyone who has studied or is studying coastal and/or estuarine birds in the region is invited to present the results of their research either as a slide-lecture or poster. Preliminary results and presentations by graduate students are welcome, as are presentations concerning avian prey bases, avian competitors, etc. We hope the conference will serve as

an information exchange as well as a forum on current coastal and estuarine bird research. Some graduate student awards (room and registration fee waivers) are available. Please contact Keith L. Bildstein, Program Chairman, Dept. of Biology, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, SC 29733 (803-323-2111). Registration and housing information will be mailed to OSNA members in the southeast; all others should contact Bobbie Christy, Local Chairman, Baruch Field Laboratory, P.O. Box 1630, Georgetown, SC 29440 (803-546-3623) for a place on the mailing list.

Colonial Waterbird Group. The fifth annual meeting of the Colonial Waterbird Group will be held 22-25 October 1981. A symposium on the factors affecting reproductive success in colonial birds is planned, and papers may be submitted to our new journal—*Colonial Waterbirds*. Anyone wishing to contribute to the symposium should send an abstract to J. Burger by 1 August 1980. For information on contributing papers, please contact J. Burger, Department of Biology, Livingston College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. Abstracts for other papers must be received by 1 September 1980. For information on registration, please contact Brian Chapman, Department of Biology, Corpus Christi State University, Corpus Christi, TX 78412.

Cracid Symposium. The World Pheasant Association and the University of Mexico will hold the First International Symposium on cracids from 4-7 November 1981. The symposium hopes to assemble all those interested in these birds, and to discuss their natural history, distribution, taxonomy, habitat, status, aviculture and conservation, including census techniques. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Hacienda, Cocoyoc, near Mexico City. Tours to other parts of Mexico before and after the symposium are being arranged. Further details may be obtained from the Administrator, World Pheasant Association, Harraton Square, Church Lane, Exning, Suffolk, England.

Symposium on Granivorous Birds. The Third International Congress of Ecology will take place in Warsaw, Poland, 5-11 September 1982. Within the Congress, the Working Group on Granivorous Birds-INTECOL is organizing a special symposium on "The role of granivorous birds—especially Corvidae and Columbidae—in ecosystems." The theme will include population dynamics, biomass and production rates, energetics, impact of granivorous birds on ecosystems, and management of pest situations. Oral papers (15 min) and poster presentations are invited. Titles and one-page abstracts must be submitted by December 1981. For information, write to Prof. dr Jan Pinowski, Institute of Ecology PAN, Dziekanów Lesny, 05-150 Zomianki, Poland. [This meeting conveniently follows the International Ornithological Congress, to be held in Moscow, 16-25 August.—Ed.]

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Bird Behaviour. This is an international and interdisciplinary journal, which publishes original research on descriptive and quantitative analyses of behavior, behavioral ecology, experimental psychology and behav-

ioral physiology of birds. A major aim of the Journal is to improve communication among all students of bird behavior. To this purpose, the Editors strongly promote the publication of experimental papers and review articles that bridge separate fields of behavior. The Journal also welcomes full-length articles on specific topics, short communications, critiques of books and papers, abstracts of meetings, relevant computer programs, research proposals and short reviews of limited areas of research.

Bird Behaviour is published by Bird Behaviour Press (Canberra, Australia) and printed by The Australian National University's Central Printery. The journal is indexed in *Current Contents* and abstracted in *Animal Behaviour Abstracts*. It is intended that the journal be published three times a year (April, August, and December) during 1981 and subsequent years. Subscription fees will then be A\$30.00 for institutions, A\$15.00 for private subscribers and A\$10.00 for students. Checks should be made payable to *Bird Behaviour* in Australian currency.

Manuscripts and other correspondence should be sent to the Editors, *Bird Behaviour*, Department of Behavioural Biology, Research School of Biological

Sciences, The Australian National University, Canberra, A.C.T., Australia 2600.

The Bird Watch. This is a 24-page non-profit tabloid devoted exclusively to birds, bird watching, and preservation of the environment. The Charter Issue is due August 1. Material and subscriptions are solicited. Write to Richard L. Dunlap, *The Bird Watch*, 11 Pleasant Hill Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

FOR SALE: *Hummingbirds*, by C. H. Greenewalt. (1960. American Museum of Natural History and Doubleday & Co., Inc.). 249 p.; 70 ultra-high speed color photographs. Price negotiable. Stanley M. Richmond, 2470 Lawrence St., Eugene, OR 97405; phone (213) 442-6619.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Rare Birds of the West Coast.—Don Roberson. 1980. Woodcock Publications, Pacific Grove, CA. 496 p. \$24.95, plus \$1.25 shipping (California residents add \$1.50 tax). "This book covers the status and distribution, and often the identification, of those birds considered to be Rarities on the West Coast of North America . . . A 'Rarity' is a species which has occurred, during the most recent five-year period, an average of four times or less in any West Coast state or province." Also included are all the Eurasian species that have reached Alaska and are not covered by the standard North American field guides. The species accounts summarize records and, in many cases, give advice on field identification. Four appendixes list additional records. Keen birders in the region of coverage will find this work a handy compilation and manual for their sport. Maps, charts, photographs (documenting records) and color plates (as aids to identification). References, indexes.

A Birder's Guide to Florida.—James A. Lane. 1981. 160 p. Paper cover. \$7.00. Source: L & P Press, P.O. Box 21604, Denver, CO 80221. Just what the title says, this booklet is a compendium of everything that a birder in Florida might want to know, other than field identification. Two-thirds of it are devoted to a detailed guide to birding places, arranged by region and city. The remainder covers pelagic trips, notes on birds of particular interest, a seasonal checklist, and lists of other vertebrates, campgrounds, organizations, and helpful publications. Maps, photographs, and index. A useful vade mecum, more detailed than books with wider coverage.

Strictly for the Chickens.—Frances Hamerstrom. 1980. Iowa State University Press, Ames, Iowa. 174 p. Fran Hamerstrom has written here an informal account of her life with her husband, Frederick, and their experiences while studying Greater Prairie Chickens for half a century in central Wisconsin. Her humorous anecdotes focus on people, yet in between she conveys a good deal of information about the birds. The story is illustrated with sketches by the author's daughter and photographs from the family album: the opening and closing pictures of the Hamerstroms together are a joy.

Fifty Common Birds of Oklahoma and the Southern Great Plains.—George Miksch Sutton. 1981. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman. 113 p. Paper cover. \$6.95. A softbound edition of the book first published in 1977 (noted in *Condor* 80:253).

Portraits of Mexican Birds/Fifty Selected Paintings.—George Miksch Sutton. 1981. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman. 106 p. Paper cover. \$14.95. This is a softbound edition of a book first published in 1975. In large format (28 × 35 cm), and with fine full-color reproduction, it presents paintings made by Sutton in Mexico over a span of 35 years. Each portrait is faced with a text in which the author tells his recollections of the bird and the circumstances in which he painted it. The book offers an excellent selection of Dr. Sutton's art and, in this edition, is a good value.